Flshnig Harbour Projects in Maharashtra

2208. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fishing Harbour Projects cleared by the Central Government for the State of Maharashtra; and

(b) the stage of implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERAION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The fishing harbour projects sanctioned by Government of India are as follows:—

(i) Sassoon Dock fishing harbour,

(ii) Ratnagki Fishing harbour, and

(jii)t Mahim causeway fish landing centre.

(b) The progress on the sanctioned projects is as follows:—

(i) Sassoon Dock—70 per cent.

(ii) Ratnagiri—SO per cent.

(iii) Mahim Causeway —85 per cent.

Large Water Prawn Hatcheries

2209. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the large water prawn hatcheries get up through the assistance of Government State-wise; and

(b) what are the reasons for not setting up such large hatcheries in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERAION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, during the Sixth Five Year Plan, two hatcheries namely Bodapo-Kharan Hatchery of 35 million prawn seed production capacity with an estimated cost of Rs. 23.1 lakh in Maharashtra and Agreepalli Hachery of 60 million prawn seed production capacity with an estimated cost of Rs. 21.00 lakh in Orissa were sanctioned.

During the Seventh Five Year Plan, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Benaulim Hatchery of 25 million prawn seed production capacity in Goa has been sanctioned at an estimated, cost of Rs. 96.00 lakh.

Besides this, Marine Products Export Development Authority, under * the Ministry of Comerce are setting up two hacheries, one.in Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 256.49 lakhs of 25 million prawn seed production capacity and the other in Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost fo Rs. 295.27 lahks of 40 million prawn seed production capacity.

(b) Does not arise. A prawn seed hatchery has already been completed in Maharashtra.

Indo-Soviet Agreement to Expand Steel Industry in India

2210. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether a delegation led by him recently visited USSR;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the visit; and

(c) 'whether any pact has been fi nalised or is being negotiated for Soviet collaboration for expanding the steel industry in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE